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Dear : Dr. Hashim

The ~~Graduate Students of the Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology~~ are hosting a symposium entitled: **The Human Genome Project: Some Assembly Required** to be held April 15-17, 1994! This year's symposium will cover a wide range of topics including: technical issues pertaining to the acquisition and analysis of the data, applications of the data to the elucidation of genetic diseases, and the legal, ethical, and social issues related to such a far-reaching and rewarding project. This letter has been written in the hope that you are able to continue in your support of our Graduate Student Symposium. Your ~~donation of \$1000 for last year's event was crucial to its success and we would like to thank you again for your generosity.~~

A unique feature of this annual event is that it is created, organized, and run entirely by the graduate students in this department. These symposia allow us to meet and discuss important questions with prominent scientists who are often leaders in their respective fields. We always feel that we come away from these symposia with a deeper understanding of topic as well as a greater insight into the scientific process. The symposia also serve to stimulate the scientific atmosphere of the area by bringing outstanding investigators to Boulder from around the world and generating many thought provoking discussions.

In the past, the Graduate Student Symposium has been made possible by donations from biotechnology companies, companies doing business with this department, and others with an interest in biology. From previous years, we have estimated the total cost of this symposium to be \$15,000, primarily for the transporta-

tion and housing of the speakers. Historically, contributions have ranged from \$100 up to \$3000. Any contribution you could make to this year's symposium would be greatly appreciated and acknowledged at the meeting and in the publicity for the event.

We are enclosing a tentative program for this year's symposium as well as copies of programs from previous years' symposia. A member of the organizing committee will contact you shortly to discuss this request. We are very excited about this year's symposium and are eagerly looking forward to a wonderful learning experience.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Nickles  
Eric Snyder  
Jack Tabaska  
Dan Weaver